

**TO: Chairman and Members**

**DATE: September 8, 2011**

**SUBJECT: Evidence Based Practices Project  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**AGENDA ITEM: F**

**RESOURCE PERSON: Colleen Stoner**

**ACTION: X  
INFORMATION:**

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**Summary:** This agenda item requests approval of grant awards for the Evidence Based Practices Project as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and by the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP). This is a two-year grant program utilizing \$1.8 million in Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds.

**Background:** In January of 2011, a total of \$1.8 million statewide was set aside to fund a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) with the goal to reduce recidivism of youthful offenders by providing a comprehensive and flexible funding source to probation departments to support a systems change approach in implementing evidence based practices known to be effective in delinquency prevention. The CSA board authorized an ESC to oversee the development of the RFP, appointing CSA board members, Adele Arnold and Eleanor Silva as co-chairs. Nine other juvenile justice subject matter experts also participated on this ESC which met in February to discuss project development, eligibility, funding amounts and rating criteria. In May the CSA Board authorized staff to release an RFP which was sent to all Probation Chiefs, Presiding Juvenile Court Judges, and was placed on the Department of General Services Grants Registry, as well as on the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) website. In July, CSA received 19 proposals in response to the RFP. These proposals were subsequently rated by the ESC and funding recommendations were presented for approval by the SACJJDP at their meeting on September 7, 2011. The SACJJDP approved the recommendations of the ESC and forwarded the list of grant awards before you today for your approval (Attachment A).

Each local jurisdiction selected through this competitive RFP process will have unique needs and are likely to be at different stages of development and progress with regard to implementing EBP. Depending upon the needs of each probation department and their juvenile justice partners that are selected, funding can be directed at, but not limited to, any of the following EBP services and supports:

1. Organizational development and training of staff;
2. Implementation or enhancement of evidence based programs;
3. Implementation or enhancement of risk-need assessment tools;
4. Implementation or enhancement of case management systems;
5. Implementation or enhancement of data collection systems;
6. Implementation or enhancement of evaluation processes; and/or
7. Implementation or enhancement of quality assurance activities.

The recommended list includes a wide range of proposals and funding amounts as applicants were allowed to apply for up to \$300,000 per proposal.

Upon executing grant agreements (contracts) in October, CSA will conduct a grantee briefing to review project requirements and determine the best data-collection strategies. The intent during this two-year grant period is to collect sufficient data to identify evidence based practices that produce successful outcomes and to share this information with other counties throughout the state.

Assuming approval of the recommended grant awards the grant period will begin effective October 1, 2011.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed:** Staff is recommending the CSA Board approve the recommended list of grant awards for the Evidence Based Practices Project as identified in Attachment A.

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